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SLOT MACHINE WITH MECHANICAL BONUS INDICATOR

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EXAMINER

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

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DATE MAILED:

This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to the interview on 1/28/97

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 - 5, 8-19 and 23-28, 32

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 4.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During the interview on 4/28/97, Daniel Burke requested an extension of time for 3 MONTH(S) and authorized the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0130 the required fee of \$930 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 20-22 and 29-31 have been cancelled.

In claim 23, line 3, "primary" has been changed to --first--.

In claim 23, line 4 --, wherein the possible indicia sets comprise at least one winning set,

and said gaming unit indicates to a player that the player has won a prize if a winning indicia set

has been selected-- has been inserted after "sets" and before ",".

In claim 23, line 5 --a second display comprising-- has been inserted before "means".

In claim 23, line 5 --randomly selecting and-- has been inserted after "for" and before "displaying".

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In claim 23, line 5 ~~of a bonus payout to change the prize indicated by the first gaming unit, said additional indicia selected~~ has been inserted after "indicia".

In claim 23, line 6 "if" has been changed to --when--.

In claim 23, line 6 "primary" has been changed to --first--.

In claim 23, line 7 --winning-- has been inserted after "of" second occurrence and before "indicia".

3. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: The graphical numerals 72 and 74 recited on page 6, lines 13-14 of the specification must be shown in the drawing. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above changes to claim 23 overcomes the Jidoki reference. Claim 23 now recites that when a winning set of indicia is randomly selected and displayed on the first gaming unit, the player wins a prize. In Jidoki's game, when cards are randomly selected and displayed on the display monitor 11 no prize is won. A prize is won only after the bonus wheel is rotated and stopped.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin Layno whose telephone number is (703) 308-1815.

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